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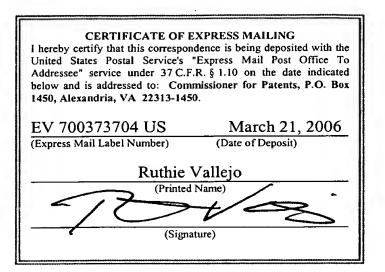
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The submitted document, JP 8-348586, is <u>not</u> prior art with respect to the present application, because JP 8-348586 was published on July 21, 1998, which is <u>not</u> more than one year prior to the filing date of July 21, 1999, of the present application.

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In accordance with paragraph number 5 of the Office Action mailed December 22, 2005, regarding the present application, the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are <u>waived</u> for documents submitted in reply to the requirement for information. The present document is being submitted in reply to the requirement for information.

## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the foreign-language document is that the foreign language document is a foreign application related to the present application. An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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